

Klickitat County Senior Services

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Marc Thornsbury, Executive Director Port of Klickitat 154 E Bingen Point Way Ste. A Bingen, WA 98605

RE: Bingen Point Bus Shelter

Dear Marc Thornsbury,

Mt. Adams Transportation Services strongly supports the Bingen Point Bus Shelter project. Mt. Adams Transportation Service is the public transportation provider for Klickitat County, operated by the County through the Senior Services department. We provide both demand-response and fixed route services. We are a member of the Gorge TransLink Alliance, a partnership of 5 local transportation providers working to create a seamless and coordinated regional transportation system.

The Bingen Point Bus Shelter project would support two of our priorities:

- 1. Provide our local residents with access to essential services including medical, shopping, higher education, and social/recreational.
- 2. Serve local and regional workforce mobility needs.

The Bingen Point Bus Shelter would create a physical link between Insitu employees and our fixed route services that they have access to through the Gorge Commuter Pass, an annual employee transit pass program. Employees use the bus service to commute and to travel between Insitu's two campuses. The Bingen Point bus stop is also located close to the local waterfront park, which is popular with residents.

A bus shelter would help to increase both Insitu employee and local ridership by providing a safe and comfortable place for riders to wait for the bus, by advertising the existence of the fixed route bus service, and by providing information about our services. A bus shelter is a basic necessity at the end and the beginning of a rider's first mile and last mile travel to the bus stop.

Mt. Adams Transportation Service is pleased to work with our partners the Port of Klickitat and Insitu on this important project.

Sincerely,

Sharon Carter, Director of Klickitat County Senior Services/Mt. Adams Transportation